

**City of Kenmore
Planning Commission Meeting
June 7, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.**

Planning Commission Members – In Attendance (the meeting was held virtually using the Zoom online platform)

Dwight Thompson, Chair
Mike Vanderlinde, Vice Chair
Tracy Banaszynski
Nathan Loutsis
Christiana Mathews
Mariel Torres Mehdipour
Derek Wycoff

Staff

Debbie Bent, Community Development Director
Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner
Rita Moreno, Recreation Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant
Sammie Roeun, Permit and Administrative Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thompson at 7:00 p.m.

2. AMENDMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION RULES

Commissioners discussed amending the rules for the hybrid meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde and seconded by Chair Thompson to suspend Article 5 of the Planning Commission Rules to allow for a rule change. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vanderlinde and seconded by Chair Thompson to amend Section 9, Article 3, meeting quorum as stated in the May 31, 2022, staff memorandum. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Commissioners also discussed the need to review and revise Planning Commission Rules. Chair Thompson, Vice Chair Vanderlinde and Commissioner Loutsis agreed to form a committee to review the rules and present recommendations to the Commission at a future meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Olson – Spoke in support of having Kenmore look at development patterns in Europe. Mr. Olson also expressed concern with the Burke Gilman trail and its safety and useability for Kenmore residents.

Stacey Valenzuela – Described the challenges she experienced accessing the meeting link and meeting audio and her concern about limiting public comment to three minutes. Ms. Valenzuela also was concerned about permits issued for short plats with bonus rate housing that are encroaching on lands and waterways that should be preserved.

Corina Pfeil – Thanked the Planning Commissioners for their hard work and noted the audio and video for the hybrid meeting were working well. MS. Pfeil invited Planning Commissioners to participate in the Pride Parade on June 26th.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioners approved the May 17, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes with corrections by unanimous consent.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

- Final Recommendations on Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

Staff gave an overview of the final recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan and Regulation Amendments. Commissioners then gave their final recommendations.

- The revised Vision Statement (Attachment #4 to the 5/31/22 memo). Motion to adopt, approved unanimously.
- The revised Land Use Element (Attachment #5 to the 5/31/22 memo). A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski, seconded by Chair Thompson to change “Native American” to “Tribes” in Policy LU.4.2.3 (line 18-page 4A-32). The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Banaszynski, seconded by Chair Thompson to delete the words “character and” in the Implementation Strategies (line 22-page 4A-33)
- The revised Housing Element (Attachment #6 to the 5/31/22 memo). Motion to adopt, approved unanimously.
- The revised Capital Facilities Element (Attachment #7 to the 5/31/22 memo). Motion to adopt, approved unanimously.
- The revised Zoning Map (Attachment #8 to the 5/31/22 memo)

- Missing Middle Housing Code Amendments (Attachment #9 to the 5/31/22 memo). A motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis and seconded by Commissioner Wycoff to accept the revised language for landscape standards adjacent to driveways shown in blue on page 19. Motion failed 4-3.
- Figure 8.21.025.1 R6 Zoning within ¼ mile of Transit Corridor. Motion to adopt, approved unanimously.

- **Joint Meeting Presentation to the City Council**

Commissioners discussed which topics they wanted to present to council at the joint meeting on June 27th.

1. Missing Middle Housing (quarter mile zone) - Commissioner Loutsis and Commissioner Vanderlinde
2. Missing Middle/ Diverse housing – Chair Thompson and Commissioner Matthews
3. Environmental Concerns – Chair Thompson and Commissioner Banaszynski
4. Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Commissioner Torres Mehdipour and Commissioner Banaszynski

6. Meeting Cancellation

A motion was made by Chair Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Loutsis to cancel the June 21st and July 5th Planning Commission meetings. The motion was approved by unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Loutsis and seconded by Chair Thompson for a special meeting on June 30th at 7pm. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM

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Approved by Planning Commission on: _____